

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 8/12/2014	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Tim Cate, Project Manager (805) 781-5293	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution approving the Avila Beach Drive at Ontario Road Drainage Project and adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 21000 et seq., of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA), and direct staff to proceed with associated project development activities. District 3.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the attached resolution to approve the Avila Beach Drive at Ontario Road Drainage Project and the affiliated Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 21000 et seq., of the California Public Resources Code for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and 2. Direct staff to proceed with associated project development activities, including but not limited to: acquisition of environmental regulatory permits and preparation of the final project plans and specifications. 			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Road Fund	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP Attached	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <i>Nikki J. Schmidt</i>			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 3			

Reference: 14AUG12-C-5

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works
Tim Cate, Project Manager
Kate Ballantyne, Environmental Division Manager

VIA: Mark Hutchinson, Deputy Director of Public Works

DATE: 8/12/2014

SUBJECT: Submittal of a resolution approving the Avila Beach Drive at Ontario Road Drainage Project and adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 21000 et seq., of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA), and direct staff to proceed with associated project development activities. District 3.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Adopt the attached resolution to approve the Avila Beach Drive at Ontario Road Drainage Project and the affiliated Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 21000 et seq., of the California Public Resources Code for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and
2. Direct staff to proceed with associated project development activities, including but not limited to: acquisition of environmental regulatory permits and preparation of the final project plans and specifications.

DISCUSSION

The proposed project will remove accumulated sediment from approximately 140 linear feet of roadside drainage channel to reduce flooding at the adjacent Avila Beach Drive and Ontario Road intersection and roadways. The project site is located at the northwestern side of the intersection approximately 935 feet west of the U.S. Route 101 Freeway. Trimming of the surrounding riparian vegetation is required to provide access to the drainage channel prior to sediment removal, which would be accomplished with a 'scoop and lift' approach. Project staging will occur within the County's existing right-of-way.

As required by CEQA, all discretionary projects carried out by the County Department of Public Works are reviewed to identify, avoid, reduce, and mitigate any potential environmental impacts. The Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project was prepared by staff of the County Public Works Department Environmental Division, with review and approval by the Environmental

Coordinator in the Department of Planning and Building. The Environmental Coordinator found that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment because of the inclusion of suitable mitigation measures that are designed to avoid and/or reduce all possible project-related impacts.

The Initial Study identified impacts and mitigation measures in the following issue areas: Agricultural Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, and Water/Hydrology. Mitigation measures include: fugitive dust control measures, acquisition of the necessary regulatory agency permits, pre-construction biological surveys, limiting construction to the dry season, trash abatement, worker environmental awareness training, implementation of a spill prevention plan, erosion control, best management practices, and sedimentation control measures.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

Prior to commencement of an Initial Study, other affected local, State and Federal Agencies are notified of a proposed project. The County Agricultural Commissioner's Office has reviewed the project description and requested that dust control measures be incorporated into the project. The County Air Pollution Control District also provided dust control recommendations for the project through the referral process. These measures have been included in the Initial Study.

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration was noticed for public comment in a local newspaper and circulated to State agencies through the State Clearinghouse. The minimum 30-day review period ended August 1, 2014; no comments were received.

Prior to the commencement of work within the stream bed and banks, a Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife must be secured. The application for this agreement has been prepared and will be submitted to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife upon adoption of the Negative Declaration.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There is no cost associated with adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

This project is a multi-year maintenance project budgeted in the Road Fund for Fiscal Year 2014-15. The estimated project costs to trim the vegetation and excavate the accumulated sediments is \$25,000. The project will be funded from the Road Fund.

RESULTS

Approval of the project and adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration will complete the CEQA review phase and allow the project to move into the environmental permitting phase. Completion of the project will remove accumulated sediment within the existing roadside drainage channel in order to alleviate flooding within the adjacent intersection, thereby contributing to a safe and prosperous community.

c: Kristie Haydu, Environmental Resource Specialist

File: WBS 245R12B626

Reference: 14AUG12-C-5

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Vicinity Map
2. Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study
3. Resolution Approving the Avila Beach Drive at Ontario Road Drainage Project and Adopting the Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act